

2/16/10 EMS Grant Funding Recommendations by the Committee

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The EMS Grant Funding Committee met via conference call again yesterday February 15 to discuss Grant opportunities and suggestions by Pilots compiled and forwarded by Kathy Morris, WCSC

The Committee members agreed to present the same DRAFT grant application recommendation as was presented at the January 25th meeting, with no changes to match requirements.

Summary: each pilot is eligible for up to \$50,000 in grant funds for a project or projects. The match requirement is 25% cash and 25% In-Kind

We didn't come up with a timeline for when the applications would be due – thought we'd ask Pilots if they are ready to go with apps. Time of performance would be through the end of the year (2010). The terms would be similar to SWAP with funds paid when receipts are submitted.

Group Projects:

Pilots had recommended looking into a couple joint/group applications. There is interest in a system for collecting Green House Gas baseline information. Laura and I looked into some of the suggested systems. I checked out EPA's WARM model and a model EPA did for our Pollution Prevention Program. Laura checked into the ICLEI model – which is set up for cities. Iowa City has worked with this model. In my opinions, none of the models are exactly what we're looking for – something pilots (and other planning areas) can gather information for and plug that information into for all types of activities planning areas control.

The Grant Committee agrees with my recommendation to form a committee to write up specifications for an RFP that DNR would put out for a model and training for pilots.

Compliance Calendar:

I presented information Kathy Morris passed on with committee members and tried to relate what I heard at the last quarterly meeting when Jeff Dworek of MWA explained the system. Laura also spoke about some canned software that could possibly be used to track compliance and EMS. I will attach Kathy's information to this. Since yesterday I have gotten additional information from Laura and a software company about EMS software.

At this time, the Committee members did not think this was a good group project for separate funding – committee members said individual pilots may wish to purchase this type of system or software with the \$50K grant. I suggested that I could work with a group from the Pilots to put together more information on Compliance/EMS software packages for future discussion.